

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 13, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1 and 14 are now amended with deletions of more than five consecutive characters indicated by strikethrough to bring the "Amendment to the claims" section into compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Please replace the non-compliant listing of the claims included in Applicant's Response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2006 (which was mailed on September 25, 2006) with the corrected listing of the claims as presented herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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